

## Message Text

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FM USINT BAGHDAD

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2729

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, US, IZ

SUBJ: HAMMER FAMILY

REF: STATE 13300

1. HAMMERS HAVE GIVEN NO INDICATION TO US THAT THEY BELIEVE THAT SECURITY AUTHORITIES ARE IRRITATED AT USINT EFFORTS. IN FACT, THEY HAVE BEEN PUSHING USINT FOR MORE RIGOROUS INTERVENTION WITH GOI ON THEIR BEHALF. THEY HAVE VISITED USINT OFFICE AT LEAST ONCE PER WEEK SINCE LAST AUGUST. WE HAD INTENTIONALLY KEPT OUR APPROACHES TO GOI IN NORMAL CONSULAR CHANNELS TO AVOID GENERATING NEGATIVE REACTION FROM SECURITY AUTHORITIES, BUT AFTER FIVE MONTHS OF NON-RESPONSE FROM CONSULAR SECTION OF MFA TO OUR REPEATED INQUIRIES, WE DECIDED TIME HAD COME TO TAKE CASE TO HIGHER LEVELS. ON JANUARY 14, P.O. ASKED IBRAHIM AL-WALI, D.G. OF FONMIN POLITICAL DEPT. FOR HIS ASSISTANCE ON GROUNDS THAT CASE COULD BECOME A POLITICAL MATTER IF IT WERE TO DRAG ON INDEFINITELY. WE ARE STILL AWAITING WALI'S REPLY.

2. WE ASSUME SECURITY AUTHORITIES WOULD PREFER USINT REMAIN SILENT ON GOI TREATMENT OF HAMMERS, BUT WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT CAREFULLY CALCULATED PRESSURE ON FONMIN WILL INCREASE LIKELIHOOD THAT VISAS WILL BE FORTHCOMING. WITHOUT ANY USINT INTERVENTION GOI COULD WELL REFRAIN INDEFINITELY FROM ACTING.

3. AS INDICATED BAGHDAD 1217 WE AWARE OF POSSIBILITY THAT DELAY RESULT OF CAR SALE INCIDENT. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE BEST TACTIC IS TO PRESS GOI FOR REASON FOR REFUSAL WHICH THEY

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HAVE SO FAR REFUSED TO GIVE. ONCE REASON GIVEN WE CAN DECIDE

HOW BEST TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM.

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